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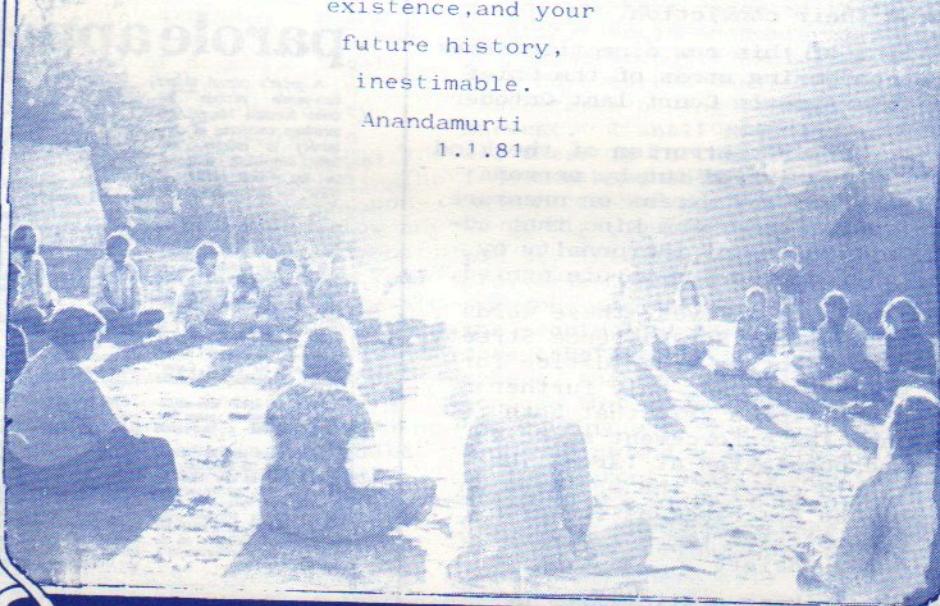
Amidst endless reproaches and humiliations, profuse sweating and bloodshed, through the ordeal of unbearable torments and agonies, mankind has evolved to the present status. The very existence implies struggle.

Nevertheless, it's your duty to accelerate the speed of human progress.

Your endless efforts to broaden and smoothen the path of human movement will render your present existence, and your future history, inestimable.

Anandamurti

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EXPLOITATION

Very often we say that a particular individual or a particular community of people is badly exploited. Then what we mean by "exploited" is this that they are being exploited in economic stratum. But if we penetrate deeply into the matter we shall discover that the exploitation has been not only in economic stratum but also in other strata of human existence, in different forms on various pretexts. When there is exploitation on physical level, it is not necessarily economic in nature in all cases; it is mostly social and in many cases, indirectly social. For instance, the vested interests inject at a certain stage complexes in public mind and at a much later age, exploit that psychic complex. At that time, the exploitation may as well be manual instead of, economic. But ultimately the manual exploitation also is as good or as bad as economic exploitation.

The exploitation on the psychic level is mostly perpetrated or perpetuated in the first phase through dogmas. But the dogmas are also the harbingers of economic exploitation or social exploitation. Some times the exploitation, carried on in the spiritual stratum is also perpetuated through some kind of dogmas. Together with it the exploiters, as in physical level, create inferiority complex or superiority complex in the people's minds and later perpetrate economic or social exploitation. When the exploitations in the physical sphere are directly economic in character even the common people easily understand that, they need not labour hard to comprehend that. Because in case of exploitation in economic sphere, the exploited people can easily understand that such and such persons are exploiting them, but in the event of exploitation in other social sphere the exploited people are not even aware of the fact that they are being exploited. That is why, it becomes easy to exploit them in the social sphere and then by creating inferiority complex in their minds, to keep them in prolonged domination from administrative

Shrii Shrii Anandamurti point of view, perpetuate exploitation. This can be easily done by the cunning exploiters. And the tragedy is that the exploited mass don't try to understand, they can't understand, they even refuse to understand that they are being victims of exploitation. So this is more dangerous. When the exploitations are directly in economic sphere, the people easily understand that but when the exploitation is perpetuated in socio-economic sphere or psycho-economic sphere, the situation becomes complicated. In case of exploitation is socio-economic sphere, the people raise a little murmuring against the social exploitation but they fail to take note of the economic exploitation which is the final upshot of such socio-economic exploitation. And in case of psycho-economic exploitation the people feel a little aggrieved because they feel that they are being suppressed from psychic point of view but are not aware of the fact that the ultimate result is the economic exploitation.

Today all over the world there is a greater economic awareness than before. That is why the cunning exploiters have resorted to the path of either socio-economic exploitation or psycho-economic exploitation. They have spread their trap on a vaster area hoping to reap a rich harvest. I shall not discuss here all these in further details, in fact I have a mind to write a book on the subject in future.

As regards the psychic sphere, I can say this that the modes of exploitation in psychic sphere can be numerous and to comprehend all those, the people must be more educated, more intelligent. As regard social sphere, the exploiters deliberately confuse the social exploitations in the psychic sphere with spiritual and thus pave the way for a prolonged exploitation. This is how the dogmas arose in the past and even to this day those dogmas are being made use of. Ananda Marga is for the first time, making the utmost effort to establish pure spirituality against dogma.

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FIELDWALK

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After not having seen BABA for three years, it was with much excitement that i proceeded to His house upon my arrival in Calcutta. I had bought honey from across the oceans, and a wood carving with artwork, for the museum. I couldn't wait for BABA to invite me to His room to present the gifts. But i did exactly that; waited. For over an hour, i waited quietly downstairs. Finally, one worker came to me and took the articles from me. He proceeded upstairs, presumably to BABA's room, leaving me disconsolate downstairs. Another hour passed. Evening was drawing near so i proceeded to the office to do sadhana and the rest of my duties, hoping to return about ten to BABA's house, perhaps for fieldwalk.

I reached earlier than expected and waited anxiously for BABA. The moment finally arrived, and when BABA reached us He was squinting and asked Dada Ramananda who was there. Dada had us introduce ourselves and after a brief discussion i was told to jump in the car along with another Bengali brother. We drove off to a park where BABA regularly takes His walks. On the way He talked very little in english, only asking about my visit to India. There were many questions in my mind but somehow the opportunity never arose to ask them.

While in the park, i was given an umbrella i didn't know what to do with. The VSS brother kept pointing to BABA and pushing me. I soon gathered that i was supposed to hold it over BABA, even though it was a clear sky and late at night. I walked along holding the umbrella above BABA as best i could, occasionally either bumping into Him or brushing the top of His head with it. This caused BABA to glance at me in not too uncertain terms.

As we walked, BABA hardly spoke to me at all, only briefly talking to the other brother with us. This silence on His part gradually had a very calming effect on my mind, all the questions dissolving away being replaced by a warm, inner feeling of security and peace. It was in the midst of this revelry that i became aware of the air-pollution around us caused by the innumerable household coal stoves in Calcutta. It made me realize the tremendous difference between Calcutta and the New Zealand air. All of a sudden, BABA stopped, swung His arm out and pointed across the river saying something like, "Look at that pollution. Very bad." Then, making a face at it, He turned and proceeded to walk. The sudden exclamation of BABA's startled me a little, but made me feel even more secure in the knowledge of what can you hide from the Lord?

On my walk home that night i had only one thought; what could be nicer than to go for a simple walk with BABA, even if in silence.

YUGA SANDHI

Shrii Shrii Anandamurti

polarization. All good men take one side and the bad persons take the other side. This means there is fight between the wicked and the virtuous, the bad and the good. In the fight, the grace of that Maha Sambhuti (Great Personality), the special effort and endeavour of that great personality makes the association of good people victorious. They are born to be victorious. That means the crown of victory adorns their foreheads. This group of brave men, who have been living with the Great Personality from life to life, who long to live with Him, they prefer to live and work with that Great Personality more than they desire liberation (Mukti) or permanent salvation (Moks'a). The fortunates may or may not be endowed with learning. They may or may not have intelligence, they may or may not be possessed of a superiority or inferiority complex in battle, but no evil power on earth can be victorious over them. They are bound to blacken the faces of the evil forces.

What is meant by "Yuga Sandhi"? The 'cross-roads', the 'transition'. Human society is moving ahead on a particular path. During the continuance of the movement, it has been witnessed that society has lost its dynamism, since the mode of character and living, scripture and social code has become obsolete. And so, it has lost its force of movement. In such a period of transition, the emergence of a personality, a Maha Sambhuti, becomes a must. A particular personality has to incarnate himself.

I have said that the Sadvipras are the nucleus of the social cycle. The Sadvipra shall run the society, control the society, shall not allow any body to become an exploiter and shall not permit anybody to become wicked. But when there is the state of retardation in speed which frequently occurs at a lapse of three or four thousand years, sometimes after several centuries, it is not possible even for Sadvipras to induce the required dynamism to bring acceleration to inertness. Under such circumstances a particular personality has to manifest whom we call Maha sambhuti.

The Maha Sambhuti causes speed in society, infuses acceleration in speed and all persons possessing virtue come with Him, come near Him. There is a

Be assured that during the days of Lord Shiva, those who were saintly persons were dedicated to fighting against the evil forces. They are called Shiva's Ganas, (Lord Shiva's People). You are to keep in mind that you are also Lord Shiva's men in this age. That is to say, you are bound to be victorious. You are not born to face defeat. Long ago, centuries back when Lord Krs'n'a had come, the Gopas of Braja, who were with Him to bring acceleration into the inert society, were also not learned people. But they were victorious; songs of victory were sung in their praise. In the present world also you see that the progress of society has become stagnated; this is called 'Yuga Sandhi'. You have also come during the period of Yuga Sandhi. When you have assembled together, all the virtuous forces of the world shall come together through our media.

In the world of today polarisation is going on. The virtuous forces are with you and will be with you. The evil forces shall go against you. But for what? Only to be defeated. There for, be carefree. Wherever there shall be a fight between Dharma and Adharma, there will only be victory for you. You are not alone. Dharma is with you, wisdom is with you and I too am with you. You have not to fear.

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and BABA's own imprisonment in India two years ago. Here are a few of them:

1. Both BABA and the brothers were convicted of conspiracy to commit murder.
2. Both BABA and the brothers were convicted amidst an atmosphere of extreme antagonism, brought about by a strongly biased mass media.
3. Both cases rested heavily on the testimony given by one person; in BABA's case Madhavananda, and in the brother's case John Seary.
4. In both cases the media along with vested interests tried to link BABA's co-accused the brothers with responsibility for as yet unsolved political crimes; the Mishra case in India, and the Hilton bombing in Australia.
5. In both cases, Seary and Madhavananda respectively were coached by police into exaggerating, falsifying and inventing testimony.
6. Again in both cases, the police themselves were motivated by personal hatred (of BABA and His followers) and political escapism, and thus they actively worked for convictions in both the cases.
7. A protracted world-wide campaign lasting seven years finally resulted in the release and complete exoneration of BABA, and demonstrated to the world the bias of society's supposedly democratic judicial system.

Now, with the brothers case we are in the last stage where the coming campaign will result in the release and exoneration of the brothers.

The campaign itself hinges largely on creating pressure thru public support on the Attorney General of NSW or the Supreme Court. By now margiis should be quite skilled in some of the aspects needed to push the campaign forward. This will mean letter writing, contacting MPs, Senators, offic-

ials and influential people, as well as groups and organizations.

The International Committee of Jurists is presently preparing a report on the case. It is expected to be released sometime in February. This will help in our efforts to activate Amnesty International.

Irena Dunn, Editor of 'TNprint', the official organ for prisoners, under the auspices of the Department of Corrective Services, has already achieved substantial results towards the campaign and will be organizing a press conference on February 13th (a Friday, and anniversary of the Hilton bombing).

In other developments there have been several radio programs dealing with the issue. 2JJJ, a popular FM radio station in Sydney, has in fact committed itself to a weekly program on the case. The 'City Express', an independent Sydney weekly, has recently published two articles on the issue.

Now both Govinda and Visvamitra are at Parramatta Jail. Pranava was transferred to Cessnock, a minimum security prison near Newcastle. One of the initial efforts in the campaign is to get Narada transferred from Goulbourn, south of Sydney, to Parramatta along with the others.

In other developments in India, the General Secretary of AMPS Central has taken out a Damage Suit against a long list of Emergency period officials, many of whom are Inspectors working in the CBI (Criminal Bureau of Investigation). Madhavananda and Vishokananda are also included.

Ananda Marga sustained enormous damage to its properties in India during the State of Emergency. More importantly, AM workers and countless margiis and their families lived in a state of fear for their lives under a reign of terror.

As the G.S. puts it, "No doubt the honor and prestige of the organization has been restored but the lovers of the organization who contributed out of their earnings of their sweat to build the organization bit by bit throughout the country in such a short span of time were restive for the recovery of the monetary losses caused by the then bureaucrats. They have reasonably forced me as the General Secretary of the organization to file a Damage Suit for the recovery of their good money which I have done today for Rupees 1.06 crores in the Patna Court."

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Those who leaned heavily on dogma so far, are raising a lot of hue and cry against Ananda Marga. They feel that their days are gone, people are no longer willing to live in fool's paradise. It is impossible to establish genuine spirituality until the common mass are taught to raise their heads against dogma. On the one hand there is a saying where science ends, philosophy begins, on the other hand there is another saying where philosophy ends, faith starts. This is arrant nonsense. The most valuable treasure of mankind is intellect. It is but natural that man will judge everything on the touchstone of reason and intellect. When they are advised to desist that path it means the vested interests are out to buy clandestine being the human intelligence fight against dogma. Merely saying "Don't do this it will be a sin to do it" won't do.

If you say "Don't do this, you are also to state why one should not do that. If you say "Do this" you should also state why one should do that, only in this way, the human intellect will attain freedom. Through the movement for the liberation of human intellect, through the effort for the liberation of human intellect, man is established in spirituality. But for this effort, the human being would have turned religious bigots, there would ensue religious feuds in the name of religion. I have already said that Ananda Marga is the first movement aimed at liberating spirituality from unwholesome influences from dogmas. Hence you must not in any way encourage dogmas, rather you should carry on an endless fight against dogmas. And while fighting against dogmas, you will realise the actual truth, you will be established in real spirituality. Remember you have got to be established in real spirituality as in spirituality alone lies the highest fulfilment, achievement of human life. Or else there is hardly any difference between humans and the animals. That the human are not animals is the supreme veracity and supreme actuality. So they have got to be established in human excellence and carry on ease struggle

against dogma. A spiritual aspirant, one who loves spirituality and has a genuine concern for it, one who wishes to pursue the path of real humanity-- must not be static must not be inert. Rather, they should be very active, bumptious, very dexterous in jobs, in a word they must be real karma-yogins. Unless one is karmayogin, one can't be a Bhaktiyogin. And unless one is first entrenched in the cult of devotion, unless one is a real Bhaktiyogin, one can't achieve the closest communion with Parama Purusa.

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HILTON BOMB TRIAL "FRAME"

WALKER URGED TO OPEN PUBLIC INQUIRY

By Patrick Cudahy

Tension is mounting on the State Government to hold a public inquiry into the jailing of three men charged with attempted murder and accused of bombing the Hilton Hotel.

The Federal Opposition's shadow Attorney General Senator Gareth Evans has requested NSW Attorney General Frank Walker to examine the trial of Paul Alister, Ross Dunne and Tim Anderson who were found guilty of conspiracy to murder National Front leader Robert Cameron.

Clyde Peden, the NSW opposition spokesman, said the Senator Evans had told the State Attorney General that there is considerable doubt about the evidence given at the trial.

Senator Evans has spoken to legal advisers and experts on law concerning the trial and is convinced that a conviction of Ross Dunne and Tim Anderson was a miscarriage of justice.

He has also released John Serry, who left the country, unconvicted.

Substantial evidence at the trial related only to police verbatim.

A leading attorney general, critical of the trial in the aftermath of the Hilton bombing.

John Anderson

John Anderson ran a bottle yard in Melbourne for many years.

"I've earned an honest living and have dealt with people from all walks of life. But I never knew that I was made to our society where the innocent can be proven guilty."

It is almost two years since the three men were sentenced to jail for life with a non-parole period of 16 years.

Mr Anderson said the three had now been put into separate prisons.

His son Tim survived his first week's introduction to prison life when he received a black eye when a fellow inmate bit him over the eye with a cricket stump.

"He considers himself to be a political prisoner," said Mr Anderson.

"I am went on a five-month fast drinking only water and juice as a protest against his conviction."

Fortunately, he is now well and has been released. Tim has the respect of the other prisoners who are convinced he's innocent.

Mr Anderson said the parents of three convicted men were getting no campaign for getting public attention to the case.

"An appeal for a re-trial has been rejected and we are taking no action other than getting public support for an open, honest trial."



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BOMB TRIAL INVESTIGATION

By Patrick Cusick
N.S.W. Attorney General, Frank Walker has instructed crown legal officers to investigate evidence given at the Hilton bomb trial which resulted in the jailing for life of three Sydney men.

Mr Walker's press secretary, David Gleeson told City Express this week that the Attorney General had "taken particular interest in the controversial case."

There is growing concern within both the Federal and State ALP that the three men, Paul Alister, Ross Dunne and Tim Anderson are the innocent victims of a trial which found them guilty of conspiracy to murder National Front leader Robert Cameron.

The Federal Opposition shadow Attorney General

Meantime another person who has suffered indirectly from the Hilton bombing is leaving Sydney within the next week with feelings of "relief and no regrets".

Jody Bruebaker, a 38-year-old electronics hardware engineer, became an innocent victim of police efforts to track down the perpetrators of the bombing after they raided his unit in the Park Regis building shortly after the event in February 1978.

He said they entered his place without warrants and identification and subjected him to

questioning for two hours.

In letters he wrote to the Premier and Police Commissioner which he says were not answered he complained of having been subjected to humiliation and embarrassment.

Mr Bruebaker said the police raid apparently followed a tip-off that he possessed advanced technical equipment that police suspected could have triggered the fatal blast by remote control.

He said that after the raid he was followed constantly for a number of months by plain clothes

people who were apparently members of the Special Branch.

He said on occasions it was so obvious that he had approached and spoken to them.

Mr Bruebaker, who showed an impressive record of work assignments including some for US Government agencies, said he felt that police actions had prevented him obtaining work recently.

"I wrote to one particular job for which I had the ideal qualifications and would have expected

Gareth Evans has told Mr Walker that he has considerable doubt about evidence given at the trial.

And the State ALP Member of Illawarra, Mr George Petersen in a recent letter to Mr Walker said: "There seems to me to be a very large possibility of a miscarriage of justice having occurred."

Mr Petersen called on Mr Walker for "a full inquiry into evidence surrounding the conviction of the three members of Ananda Marga."



Mr Bruebaker

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WALKER ACTS

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further inquiries but instead got an outright rejection.

"Although I can't prove it I feel sure that there was some form of interference."

Mr Bruebaker has a

letter confirming his appointment to a highly technical job in Darwin that requires him to attend a 10 week course in the United States.

He said that although police surveillance had appeared to drop off he still felt uncomfortable

when police in patrol cars gave him the "once over".

"I'll be glad to leave the city and all this behind — but you can't get away from the feeling that they may be lying low for a while before starting their activities again."

LITTLE MAN

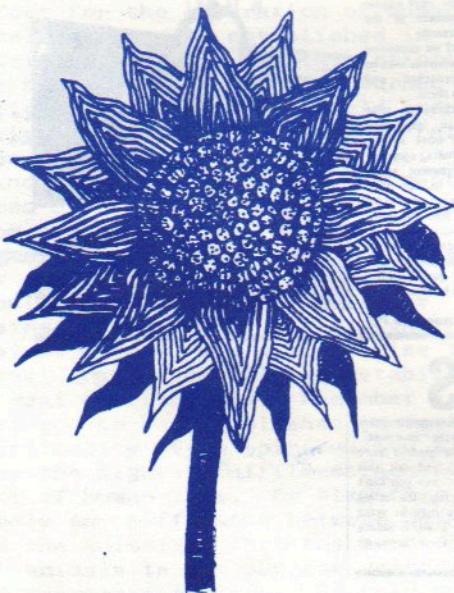
From the corner of my eye
I see the twinkle of your smile
And I know you're watching everything I do (oh, no)
I cannot hide from you
If the sky be grey or blue
And I know some day I'll be just like you.

Chorus (Oh But) Hey Lil' one of five foot two
Don't you know that I love you
I'm right behind you in everything you do
And I sure would like to be in your shoes

Now your teeth are pure white
You know their dazzle blinds my sight
And I wish I could use the toothpaste you do too
And your power in my soul
You know it rocks me to and fro
And I know you're with me wherever I go

Now I've got you by my spell
It was that brilliant wishing well
that brought me to you -- or
Brought you to me
And we'll sit in repartee
As we sip our afternoon tea
And you'll tell me things to set me free.

ASHRAVA



Contained in everything I do
There's a love I feel for you
Proclaimed in everything I write
You're the light burning bright

Lead onwards through the night
Onwards through the night
Onwards through the night of my life.

Displayed in all the things I see
There's a love you show to me
Protrayed in all the things you say
You're the day leading the way...

Onwards through the night
Onwards through the night
Onwards through the night of my life

Jon Anderson
Lead Singer for Yes

VIEWS OF AFRICA



Sectorial Office and jagrti in Accra
Ghana.



The AMURT team, Ada-Foah, Ghana.
Taken in '79 after street clean-up
Bhukti Pradhana, Satyaloka is pictured
at lower left.



Nagar kiirtan at Sectorial UKK in Ghana
July '80



Children in rural village of Nkonya Ntumda. The bigger child with guitar is Dada Giriisha, the R.S.



VISIONS FOR A FUTURE SOCIETY

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One of the great lessons as well as warnings to Humanity as social evolution presents its spectacle before our eyes, is the imperative need for responsible leadership and use of technology. So far the advances we have made outstrip our ability to rationally utilize them. The collective good of Humanity has been sacrificed to satisfy personal or party interests. It is this abuse, along with the inhumanity to other human beings which accompanies it, which lie at the heart of most of our problems today. If the management and control of technology, economics, and other essential fields were in the hands of those firmly grounded in Universalistic sentiment, the present situation would be entirely different. It is the aim of Renaissance Universal to assure that the future will be.

If there is any particularly significant landmark of the changes which are upon us, it is not seen in the negative signs, rather in the momentous spiritual awakening, now on a mass scale around the world. The spiritual sentiment has awakened in the hearts of many and is being aroused in millions more. It is the end of the age of repressive dogmas. People are gaining the inner courage to stand up against them and turn within to find something of lasting value based on experience rather than blind faith. The Alternative Scene that is developing on a global scale (and not only in western countries, as it used to be) is, in all its diverse social, socio-economic and socio-spiritual forms, nothing but a manifestation of this basic, progressive spiritual sense which recognizes no artificial boundaries and reaches out for the Infinite.

The building of the New Age Society has started already and now the crucial point has been reached where we must unite our efforts. It is as one large extended family that the human race will prove its worth and achieve its goals. This realization of uni-

versality will carry us towards the full expression of our humanity, in all its beauty and potential. To this end there has begun a world-wide movement called RENAISSANCE UNIVERSAL, based on the innate spirit of Universalism.

Universalism is the one ISM which can unite Humanity. All other "isms" are divisive in one way or another. Nationalism, provincialism, communalism, racism, sexism, casteism - have they shown us anything to be proud of? Universalism is the feeling, the realization, that every one of us is intimately related to each other; that we are all part of the human family and that every particle of the universe is our common patrimony.

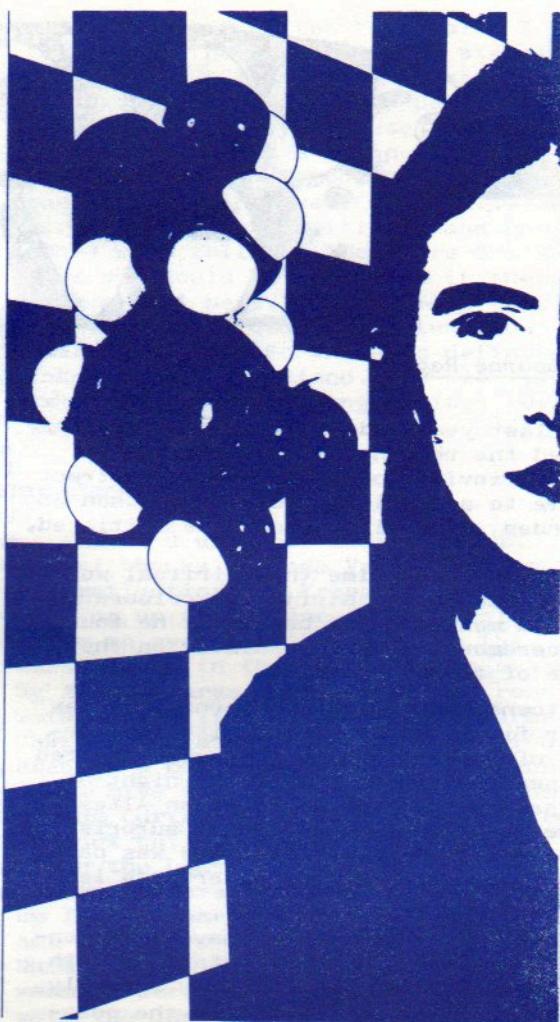
Universalism has remarkable social and economic implications, but its base is purely spiritual (not "religious") in a totally non-sectarian way. It proclaims that there IS meaning and purpose to human life (and all life) and that happiness is the birth-right of Humanity. Universalism breaks the bondage of inferiority complexes born of guilt and the sense of Sin, both of which have been drilled into western minds from infancy, and it frees all minds from the cobwebs of superstition and ritualism. Looking ahead to a world governed by such a principle we can envision great social changes. We can see the need for a Lingua Franca or World Language which would be taught to all children along with their mother tongues, as well as the necessity for an eventual World Federation Government and a breakdown of political boundaries, to be replaced by self-sufficient economic units which will ultimately merge into one harmonious, cooperative planetary Nation. Universalism moves to blend diverse national cultures into one glorious Human Culture. All the flowers of the different gardens will unite into a bouquet which will be more, not less, beautiful than the individual flowers themselves.

Technological advances are not bad in and of themselves. Through the discoveries and inventions of the past civilization has marched agead. But the defect is that thos. who control these powerful tools are not morally responsible to Humanity. Rather they are acting mainly out of vested interests. This is the great danger which must be corrected. It is one of the primary aims of RENAISSANCE UNIVERSAL to unite the penetrating minds and energies of concerned women and men around the world and channelize their combined mental strength to set things straight.

When the technological advances and scientific inventions are in benevolent hands they will be used to provide the minimum necessities for every person. Work as we know it today is clearly not on the cards. Technology even today if it were maximally utilized and benevolently handled, could reduce all work-loads to 10 hours or less per week. The "fearful spectre" of unemployment appears as such today because the politicians haven't got the faintest notion about true human potentials, nor are they particularly concerned about them. They are only interested to manipulate the masses for their own personal or party ends. What "sensible" politician can tolerate the vision of the World-Nation? It spells the doom of their leeching. The creative use of leisure time is fast becoming the most important area of applied research.

ART IN THE NEW RENAISSANCE

In the previous Renaissance there was a tremendous flowering of the Arts on all levels. This was because of the patronage system. However the artists were not entirely free, often having to pander to the whims of their patrons. Today there is nothing but a vacuum in the field of artistic expression. Our artists, creative and visionary, have been superceded by the commercialists, and all of them are forced to sell themselves out at the bidding of corporate enterprise and the degraded, advertising-controlled "taste" of the general public. But in the new Renaissance there will not be any individuals wealthy enough to patronize the Arts. It has been one of the most painful lessons of econo-



mics, that if one person has that much someone, somewhere, may starve for a handful of grain. In fact, the number of people inconvenience to one degree or another by the accumulated and hoarded wealth of even one person is enormous. Thus patronage will have to come from the Government, but with no strings attached. Artists are the guides of society. Artists and writers must lead the society onward, inspiring the people from their own deep insight and compassion. The Artists too must be made aware of their tremendous responsibility. No longer can there be art for art's sake. The motto of New Age art will be ART FOR SERVICE AND BLESSEDNESS. The collective good will be the motive, not profit, self-indulgence, or cunning manipulation of human weaknesses.

Sectional Review

Melbourne Region

Late last year Dada Japasiddhananda toured the region with Dada Nalinaksa. Printed invitations were used to attract people to a public lecture. More than 30 attended, several of whom were initiated.

Around the same time the spiritual wedding of Ananta and Girija was celebrated. One old man said how beautiful he found the ceremony. He seemed almost on the verge of tears.

The towns of Bendigo and Warnambool saw their first acarya visits with the arrival of Dada Nalinaksa. Dada was invited to speak to two groups on the night of his arrival. A talk given at an Alternative High School which was a surprise in itself. One of the teachers was particularly interested and afterwards learnt BNK meditation.

For some time now classes have been conducted in Psychiatric Hospitals in both Hobart and Melbourne, but only recently margiis have begun to realize the possibilities of medical institutions as a field for pracar.

Admittedly, talks had to be arranged in the name of Tantra Yoga but the success of the talks makes that meaningless.

During the third lecture given to one of the yoga classes some drama developed. One very antagonistic gentleman began asking a lot of questions about Ananda Marga and why we were so famous. Dada attempted to reply in a calm and collected manner but the gentleman didn't give Dada scope to finish. He became more and more flushed in the face of Dada's non plussed behaviour. His temper flared and he threw abuses and obscenities at Dada before he stormed out in a rage.

The class members were in turn incensed at his vulgarity and rudeness. Ironically what impressed them most was Dada's coolness thruout the whole scene. Unfortunately however, the gentleman must have had some influence with the hospital staff Superintendent, because just as the lecture finished the same man returned to order Dada off the premises.

Perth

Before the year ended, the school implemented some fund raising activities like the successful Quiz night at a local pub and which raised \$200. Margiis and supporters both had to pit their wits against the clock in order to win prizes.

Margiis have been active with welfare work right up to the end of the year. They have assisted in such fields as unemployment, migrant tutoring, homosexual crisis counselling and have helped a few disadvantaged families.

Caruvi has been building up a relief store with first aid materials and blankets already in stock. A relief account was begun and \$106 was raised by selling some beds. Some of the money was used to put in decent shelving to hold the relief materials.

Also late last year margiis participated prominently in a Community Aid Abroad 'Social Justice Fair'. Many groups concerned with social justice participated.

One of the main attractions arranged by margiis, apart from the displays, was a revolving board at which darts were thrown. Around the board were placed photos of world leaders stuck

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bars and playdough melted also) but we learnt a lot. Margiis participated in a protest march against the planned Springbok rugby tour to NZ next year and Kapil and Guruvati had NZ's representative for SWAPO (a South African Liberation movement) to dinner and had the opportunity to tell him about AM and Prout. Kapil is attending political forums conducted by Tim Shadbolt.

Wellington

The RAWA House construction saga continues, nearing completion at any time now. This will mean the upstairs can be fully utilised for RAWA activities. The restaurant is still running well thanks to Kavi's staying power, though permanent restaurant and RAWA workers are urgently needed. Many friends are helping on a casual basis at present. Kabir has departed for the Summer after contributing much of his time to the project. Unit pracar is slow but consistent, the solution is to acquire a jagrti.

Womens Welfare Section

A new sisters unit is forming in Armidale, north NSW where several women's workshops, classes and talks have been held. 4 sisters in particular have been maintaining their practises. One of them has been giving regular classes at the university there.

In Sydney, sisters on the north side are very active on the unit committee, especially in pracar, the school, and fund-raising. Two sisters from Noumea, New Caledonia recently moved to Sydney to take up studies. The mother of one of the sisters, Arati plans to work for Ananda Marga in Africa for sometime. Their apartment in Sydney has already served other sisters visiting from other states.

Didi Bhavashrii, who has been in Noumea, is also visiting Sydney and will attend the UKK.

Sisters in Melbourne, under the supervision of Didi Cinmayii, have recently shifted to a new premises not far from the previous one. All reports indicate that the new house is ideal, with it's own store front. It even has something of a chapel inside.

ANANDAPALLI

Mid spring of September, Louisa, my horse, had a foal. It happened in the night. I slept up at the Big House that night because they were having a meeting up there. My mum came down around 11.00pm and Louisa was lying down with the foal all washed and clean.

In the morning Viveka said very calmly "Louisa has had her foal."



Sunanda pictured at Anandapalli with Taraka Kumar at 3 months

"What!" I cried - I came rushing, leaving all my blankets up there - Mum was giving Louisa some hay and THERE WAS THE FOAL -- STANDING BY HIS MUM -- I can't describe the feeling of excitement of the happening. I was feeling happy, sad, excited all at the same time. I put in sad because I could not see the birth. The foal has a black tail and mane, brown all over with two white socks on the hind legs and a white star on his forehead. It was a colt (a boy). It was hard to pick a name for him so Didi picked the name Taraka Kumar, meaning 'Prince of the Stars'.

He is now three months old and looking gorgeous.

Dada Nirainjana toured the Cook Islands and Tahiti with an especially good result in Tahiti. The local Hatha Yoga teacher in Rarotonga is leaving and there was a good opportunity for Dada to take over at the University. About Tahiti Dada says "Tahiti is an interesting place, but to do anything concrete will take time -- it's necessary to speak Tahitian. French would also help. This would be by far the most expensive place in Suva sector, a big contrast to Rarotonga."

Dada returned to Rarotonga and the authorities begrudgingly permitted him to hold a public lecture which attracted 50 people, though only about 20 came to listen. It was a real Cook Island affair. There was a constant flow of people coming and going for the first hour. A group of children stood at the door playing a 'uhelela'. There were youths who came for entertainment, sitting suddenly in the rear seats. Still, it seemed that I (He) was still able to reach a few."



Dada arrived in the Solomons early December and immediately began working. He soon had a group meeting attended by 30 and followed it up with a short class, teaching BNK. The people wanted to meet again which happened next day. 15 attended and I and the first brother took initiations for a short time. Now dada has started a day school, teaching BNK one hour each day. When Dada arrived there was not one in contact or name that he was carrying with him. But in true missionary spirit he soon made friends.

His first contact was thru a local club. But by that he was only meeting Europeans. How to meet the local people? The answer came through the local church Youth Choir meeting near the rest house. Dada writes "... such beautiful voices and charming melodies! I immediately went down to listen. They were surprised to see me there as I was the only 'white' visitor. After their songs I got permission to lead some songs for them. I took the opportunity to give further commentary on the bible reading and was able to explain some ideological points which they all appreciated. Then I taught BNK and they really enjoyed it. They were interested enough to meet me again on the following Sunday." Dada had an informal interview with one sympathetic official who was personally interested.

Dada says there is plenty of hatha yoga in the islands, but very little else, and what is offered is mainly for the european population.

Leeton

Sporting activities continue to play an integral part of this country town's activities. Jagaddeva has formed the LSAC; Leeton Sports and Adventurers Club, and will be competing in a number of community competitions in the new year. One such comp is the local 'Raft Race' in February. LSAC will also compete in the local run-a-thon. Meanwhile Aroga has certainly not been idle. For a long time she has been conducting classes on yoga and 16 points. Last November she was invited by the Leeton High school to teach about 30 of the students yoga and philosophy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Namaskar.

5.12.80

Reading Ananda Marga in perspective. It fulfils a need, certainly, but I feel that we have already spent a lot of time (and paper) and energy protesting of the things we didn't do. It would be good from now on to publicise what we do on the positive side and stop feeling guilty and paranoid although there is evidence that there is an improvement in that direction. We should not, for instance, avoid using the name of Ananda Marga when advertising etc... We have nothing to be ashamed of and a priceless Ideology to share with others.

Sundarii

Namaskar.

Sydney North Shore Unit has recently decided that we need to put a lot of energy into having social activities with non-margis: to break down the long established wall between ourselves and parents of the school, and also to show people who have had some contact with the Marga (D.P. talks, etc) that there is a social, fun loving side to us, which spiritual practices do not cut you off from. The question was, how to do it?

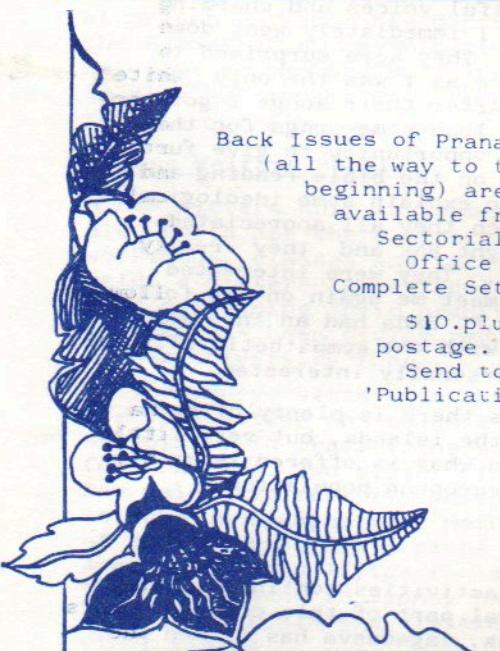
We had one party which ended up mainly as a food eating function, and it brought the fact home to us that we need to have some good games organised so we can all remember what it's like to have great fun with others. But what games??!!

"The time has come to move on, to create new games with new rules more in tune with the times, games in which there are no spectators and no second string players, games for a whole family and a whole day, games in which aggression fades into laughter - new games."

This is the purpose of "The New Games Book" (Dolphin Books/Doubleday & Co. Inc./Garden City, New York/ 1976, Sydney price: \$6.35) a copy of which I would recommend to every unit. It contains descriptions, directions and photographs of 60 "new age" games.

So lets get into some games, get that picnic or day at the beach arranged, or that evening party, play some New Games, so that everyone may realise that drink and drugs aren't needed for a good time, in fact, they don't even compare!

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